

Oregon State Bar

2022 Economic Survey

Report of Findings



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Table 37: 2021 Hourly Billing Rate by Area of Practice – Private Practice

Business/Corporate – Litigation	Oregon (n=189)	Downtown Portland	Tri-County	Upper Willamette Valley	Lower Willamette Valley	Southern Oregon	Eastern Oregon	Oregon Coast
		(n=108)	(n=37)	(n=19)	(n=13)	(n=5)	(n=6)	(n=n/a)
Mean Rate	\$408	\$474	\$349	\$284	\$311	\$314	\$294	n/a
Median Rate	\$375	\$450	\$350	\$290	\$300	\$325	\$302	n/a
95 th Percentile	\$730	\$774	\$503	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business/Corporate – Transactional	Oregon (n=216)	Downtown Portland	Tri-County	Upper Willamette Valley	Lower Willamette Valley	Southern Oregon	Eastern Oregon	Oregon Coast
		(n=79)	(n=63)	(n=19)	(n=23)	(n=10)	(n=18)	(n=n/a)
Mean Rate	\$359	\$430	\$343	\$284	\$293	\$318	\$313	n/a
Median Rate	\$350	\$395	\$350	\$280	\$300	\$360	\$317	n/a
95 th Percentile	\$550	\$710	\$470	n/a	\$440	n/a	n/a	n/a
Civil Litigation – Defendant (excludes insurance defense)	Oregon (n=193)	Downtown Portland	Tri-County	Upper Willamette Valley	Lower Willamette Valley	Southern Oregon	Eastern Oregon	Oregon Coast
		(n=108)	(n=36)	(n=15)	(n=9)	(n=11)	(n=10)	(n=n/a)
Mean Rate	\$381	\$442	\$335	\$259	\$288	\$281	\$286	n/a
Median Rate	\$350	\$415	\$350	\$260	\$300	\$300	\$285	n/a
95 th Percentile	\$655	\$743	\$475	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Civil Litigation – Insurance Defense	Oregon (n=118)	Downtown Portland	Tri-County	Upper Willamette Valley	Lower Willamette Valley	Southern Oregon	Eastern Oregon	Oregon Coast
		(n=67)	(n=29)	(n=12)	(n=n/a)	(n=n/a)	(n=n/a)	(n=n/a)
Mean Rate	\$232	\$232	\$222	\$243	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Median Rate	\$225	\$220	\$200	\$235	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
95 th Percentile	\$350	\$340	\$413	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Civil Litigation – Plaintiff (excludes personal injury)	Oregon (n=240)	Downtown Portland	Tri-County	Upper Willamette Valley	Lower Willamette Valley	Southern Oregon	Eastern Oregon	Oregon Coast
		(n=99)	(n=81)	(n=26)	(n=15)	(n=11)	(n=6)	(n=n/a)
Mean Rate	\$374	\$419	\$363	\$305	\$364	\$297	\$286	n/a
Median Rate	\$350	\$410	\$350	\$300	\$345	\$300	\$298	n/a
95 th Percentile	\$580	\$685	\$525	\$498	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Civil Litigation – Plaintiff Personal Injury	Oregon (n=157)	Downtown Portland	Tri-County	Upper Willamette Valley	Lower Willamette Valley	Southern Oregon	Eastern Oregon	Oregon Coast
		(n=37)	(n=77)	(n=20)	(n=9)	(n=n/a)	(n=6)	(n=n/a)
Mean Rate	\$368	\$393	\$367	\$355	\$329	n/a	\$388	n/a
Median Rate	\$350	\$400	\$350	\$350	\$350	n/a	\$393	n/a
95 th Percentile	\$550	\$619	\$503	\$498	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Criminal Law, Prosecution	Oregon (n=n/a)	Downtown Portland	Tri-County	Upper Willamette Valley	Lower Willamette Valley	Southern Oregon	Eastern Oregon	Oregon Coast
		(n=n/a)	(n=n/a)	(n=n/a)	(n=n/a)	(n=n/a)	(n=n/a)	(n=n/a)
Mean Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Median Rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
95 th Percentile	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

